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**FUN ON THE DANCE FLOOR:** A couple slow-dances during the Coboconk Legion's Country Music Jamboree on March 13. See story and pictures on page 27.

## Minden man leaves behind two daughters

**By Jennifer Hughey**  
Editor

A Minden man was killed in a head-on collision that closed a portion of Highway 35 for four hours on March 14.

Jay Corby, 38, suffered critical injuries in the accident and was transported to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. He died just before 8 p.m. on March 15, according to a social media post by Corby's sister, Sarah Corby-Edwards.

A 54-year-old City of Kawartha Lakes man was also killed in the accident. The name is not being released at the request of the family.

City of Kawartha Lakes OPP reported that the accident occurred north of the junction with Highway 7A and south of Lifford Road north of Pontypool. EMS and fire crews from both Janetville and Bethany were called just after 7 a.m.

Corby's vehicle, travelling northbound on Highway 35, reportedly crossed the centre line and collided with the southbound

vehicle. There was a heavy fog that morning and visibility was poor.

"It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to my brother Jay! We have complete peace knowing he fought a good fight," Sarah said. "We fought alongside him and gave him every chance we could to keep him going..."

Close friend, Erin Briggs, said Corby always found the good in people.

"He [was] just a good man, with a big heart," Briggs said. "[He] would help anyone out if they asked."

Briggs said that after a courageous fight, Corby's CAT scan showed no brain activity.

"In Jay's true fashion of helping others, he will continue this legacy by saving the lives of at least nine people through organ donation. This is what he would have wanted," Briggs said.

Briggs started a gofundme page in support of Corby's daughter's eight-year-old Camryn and 13-year-old Jaylah. To make a donation, visit [gofundme.com/3xuw43g](http://gofundme.com/3xuw43g)

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## Leaving something behind

Members of the Bonham's Bay Road Association present a \$7,000 cheque to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The money came from Gary Gough's will after he passed away in the summer of 2013. Gary was a member of the roads association for a number of years. The money will go towards hospital equipment for the hospital in Haliburton. From left, Rob Gough, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker and road association members Liz Forester and Larry Oliver.

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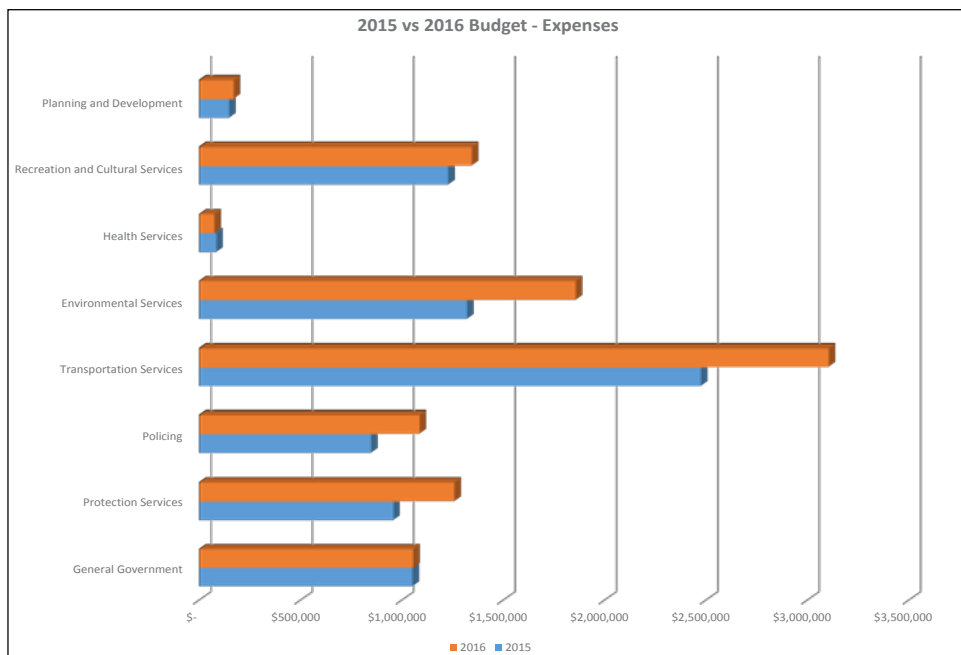


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# Highlander news



Graphic from Highlands East budget presentation

A comparison of expenses between 2015 and 2016.

## Highlands East council passes 2016 budget

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Ratepayers in Highlands East will see a 3.91 per cent tax increase this year.

Council passed the \$9.9 million budget at its Monday meeting. It will mean a \$16.50 increase on every \$100,000 of assessed value of township properties.

"I thought it [the budget] was very well done," said Reeve Dave Burton. "We took our time with it. We worked with staff with it."

As with the rest of the county, OPP costs were a major driver for increased spending, rising 11 per cent, or \$238,000 for 2016 in the third year of the province's new billing model.

But the biggest spending item was transportation services at \$3.1 million. This year, \$540,000 is being transferred from a reserve to finance repairs to the Irondale bridge, \$311,000 of which will be paid back over three years. It also includes \$88,000 being spent on LED street light repairs and the addition of one seasonal employee.

The municipality is expecting to receive \$631,000 from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to repair Cardiff Water

Services. The existing cast iron water main, which is more than 50 years old, has leaking valves and needs maintenance, chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter told *The Highlander*.

"That water system is pretty old," said Burton. "I'm really, really pleased. I had concerns about it. It's really good to upgrade it."

About 280 homes and other buildings are on the water system, he added.

Although a start has not yet been confirmed, he hopes the work will begin in June and be completed as early as August.

There was a \$167,000 increase in funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). However, this won't be the case next year.

"We have been notified that in 2017, it will start decreasing," said Hunter.

The OMPF is the province's main transfer payment mechanism to municipalities. In 2016, it will provide \$505 million in unconditional funding to 388 municipalities.

The \$9.9 million in spending for 2016 is an increase of about \$1.8 million from last year. Along with the rise in OPP costs, the Cardiff water project and bridge repairs account for the majority of the rise.

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# Editorial opinion

## The elusive double win

Raised eyebrows are common lately when I tell people where I've been going every Tuesday afternoon: driver's education. Yes, at the ripe age of 34, mother of two and writer of stories, I am getting my licence.

It would be easier to share in the merriment if this was the first time. It isn't. I had a licence but gave it up when I was living in the city. You don't forget how to drive and I haven't, but that doesn't matter. You could be Mario Andretti and would still have to take exams and lessons. The process is unavoidable.

It's the same with buildings. After the plans are made, a building permit must be obtained. Just as the province wishes to scrutinize me to ensure I'm safe on the road, every municipality wants to make sure new buildings are safe and consistent with long-term planning needs.

There are good reasons for this scrutiny. A poorly-designed or maintained building could collapse, as happened at the mall in Elliot Lake where two people were killed. In cases of fire, inadequate exits or construction can mean the difference between life and death. For buildings that may unexpectedly find themselves holding dozens or hundreds of people, those are risks few would knowingly take. And it's up to municipalities to make sure they don't have to.

This makes the recent standoff between Haliburton Forest and the municipality of Dysart difficult to understand. Forest owner, Peter Schleifenbaum, is a creative, inventive, visionary entrepreneur. He's brought local recognition to the property and his projects, creating many jobs and tourism opportunities in the process. Haliburton Forest and Schleifenbaum are valuable community assets; these facts are not in dispute.

But for some reason, the Forest did not get building permits for some of its structures, or zoning permission for its summer

concerts. Yes it can be a tedious, frustrating, annoying and often ridiculous process. That doesn't mean it can be avoided.

A business of this size can afford to outsource this kind of paperwork. There are engineers and surveyors who do this for a living and can manage all the tedium and minutiae. It's difficult to see the Forest's stand as anything but arrogance – and obviously counter-productive, given the recent court decision ordering it to tear down the offending buildings and stop holding concerts in them.

That's not the right outcome. Everyone sees that the municipality's victory is hollow. Haliburton Forest and the Forest Festival are, by any measure, far too important to leave to the convoluted mercies of regulations, courts and lawyers.

We can do better. Legally, the Forest hasn't much of an argument according to the court findings. Economically, the situation cannot stand. It would cause significant damage inside and outside the forest were it to continue.

This newspaper calls upon the Forest and Municipality of Dysart to put aside their differences to resolve this impasse. At the request of the parties, we will provide a mediator at no cost to attempt to find a way forward. That way would ideally include permission for the Forest to keep the buildings and the festival while satisfying the necessary and appropriate concerns of the building department.

It's easy to take positions in disputes like this but a win-lose scenario is just not acceptable in this case. Since that's where we are at the moment, we urge the parties to continue talking and keep searching for that elusive double win. There's too much at stake.



By Jennifer Hughey

## A frightening lurch to the right

There isn't much to like about Donald Trump.

The bombastic leader in the race for the Republican Party nomination, heading into November's election, has carved a pretty broad swath on the election trail. Eschewing politically correct language, dabbling with outright racism and xenophobia, the billionaire businessman has whipped up a following that is solidly behind him. With each primary, he continues to rack up wins, all the while thumbing his nose at his opponents, the media and the party's establishment.

Common wisdom, when The Donald floated downward on the escalator in New York's Trump Tower, was that he would quickly flame out. That he was a one-hit wonder who would bury himself in his rhetoric, and eventually his supporters would drop away. Well, common wisdom seems to be a rare commodity these days, and Donald Trump is still at the head of the pack. He may have moderated some of his pronouncements in recent weeks, realizing perhaps that he has a real chance at taking the Republican nomination, and to do so he will need a broader base. It is fascinating to watch as the other candidates and the Republican establishment turn their guns on Trump in hopes of blunting his momentum. Their attacks only seem to energize his supporters and give the candidate greater bragging rights.

Part of Trump's appeal is his claim that he speaks for the so-called "common man". And his campaign certainly shows it. He speaks in sound bites, denigrates the party brass and refers to the media as "scum." He has created an "us vs them" scenario, and his supporters know exactly where they are in regard to the battles he describes. His policies are no deeper than a slogan. He quickly sloughs off requests for more detail on any of his policies and resorts again to snappy retorts that provide no detail whatsoever.

It is easy to understand Trump's appeal. Not much thought is required to get behind him. But more importantly, many of his appeals resonate with the man in the street. The people who respond to his messaging have not seen their wages rise in years, and in many cases, have watched with trepidation as fellow workers or entire industries have been made redundant. One need not look any further than Detroit to see what is happening within the American economy. My last column about Heinz pulling out of Leamington is proof that we are not immune to this situation north of the border. Trump's reiterating

similar scenarios for Nabisco and Carrier Air Conditioners – the most recent companies to have moved out of the U.S. – as a clarion call for his supporters.

And that is one area where I find a small amount of common ground with Donald J. Trump. They don't call it a rust belt for nothing. Factories stand abandoned, parking lots, once crammed with the employees' vehicles, sprout weeds, and the only jobs left behind by the departing companies are security personnel guarding the deteriorating assets. (We don't have to look far to see the same situation in Canada. Oshawa, Canada's car capital is a shadow of its former self, Heinz and Kellogg's, have all closed or severely downsized. The situation is helped somewhat, for now, by the lower dollar, but reduced prices for natural resources, including energy, have delivered another blow to the economy.)

In the U.S., the movement of jobs offshore has been paralleled by the flight of corporate head offices, chasing lower tax regimes. Left behind are people who once made a comfortable living in manufacturing, who scramble for minimum wage service industry work, while corporate executive pay packets continue to expand. The irony, of course, is that while Trump says he speaks to these dislocated workers, he is in fact a member of the corporate establishment itself.

I understand his base appeal to middle class security and economic turmoil. No other candidate, other than Bernie Sanders, seems to even acknowledge this reality, hence the continuing enthusiasm for these two politicians. Trump embellishes his cry about lost jobs with fear-based pronouncements about the foreign "others," be they Mexicans, Central Americans, Muslims, Chinese, or any other easily identifiable group that can be vilified and used to rally support.

His attitude to the nomination process and his fellow candidates is flippant and resembles the actions of a school yard bully. He is debasing the election and nomination process and appears to be ripping the Republican Party apart in the process. It is unfortunate he uses this approach. He seems to have hit the mark on the hollowing out of the middle class, but this message is lost in his other provocative and racist views that accompany it.



By Jack Brezina

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# Editorial opinion

## Dear Minden Hills Council

Dear editor;

This is an open letter addressed to members of Minden Hills Council.

I am writing this on behalf of the Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands Board of Directors to express our dismay at the proposed cuts to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (MHCC).

The MHCC, which is a valued member of the Arts Council, has been a major contributor to the arts and culture in Haliburton County since its inception. It has provided a venue for artists to show and sell their work to the public, for the public to interact with many forms of art and culture through their exhibits and programming, and as an anchor point for exploring Minden's heritage.

Budget cuts will not only affect the centre itself, but the whole arts, culture and heritage community. While visitors are important, equally so are the people who utilize it – the artists, historians, writers and community groups. Many of these people call Haliburton County home because within our major settlements arts and culture have such a presence.

While we understand the need to be fiscally responsible, it is distressing that – while politicians seemed to see the value in the Cultural Centre, and the need to revitalize it during the most recent municipal election – it now becomes the easy cut.

The oft heard refrain that “no one is going to that corner” simply does not ring true, when at the same time the challenges of enticing people “over the bridge” are also remarked on. With a number of thriving businesses, hospital, school, arena, and one of the county's busiest library branches, people are indeed venturing more and more over the bridge and to that corner. However,

cutting nearly a third of the budget over two years, after a period of disengagement from the previous municipal government, will not encourage further growth but in fact, will undo any progress that has been made.

It is also disheartening that the summer student positions at the centre will be eliminated. While we understand that there is a financial commitment to the municipality for summer students through these programs, it is important to realize how these student positions support the youth in our community. Having worked at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre as a student for a number of years, and knowing many others who have, I can attest to how such a position can influence the career trajectory of a young person in a region that has limited opportunities for them. At the very least, the Township of Minden Hills should see these positions as investing in our community's youth.

We recognize bringing the centre out of a period of stagnation and into a period of growth takes more than money. It takes passionate and engaged community members willing to partner and support an institution that has played a major role in supporting the arts. We encourage artists and community groups to realize the resource they have in the MHCC and support its use and activities. We encourage council to look beyond the bottom line.

We hope that the desire of Minden Hills Council is to see the centre thrive again. However, this must happen by investing in its facilities and staff, not by making culture the easy cut.

Sincerely,

**Erin Kernohan-Berning, Chair  
Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands**

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A billboard about billboards.

Photo by Walt Griffin

LETTERS CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

## Almost the weekend

It was lunchtime at the job site, and we leaned against the wall of the house; the outside wall of the house that we were building. Pat breathed deeply and said, somewhat cryptically: “Ahh... It feels like 3:20 p.m. on a Friday afternoon, you know what I mean?”

It was 12:30 p.m. on a Wednesday.

I pondered his remark for a moment or two before it dawned upon me just what he was talking about.

“Ha, I guess it does,” I agreed and breathed deeply myself.

Pat, you see, is a fairly straightforward kind of a guy. He says what he means and for the most part there's not much debate about how that's interpreted. But this time, the lyrical poetry, the allegorical ideal of Pat's comment had caught me completely off guard, because the big man was not talking about the time of day; he was describing the changing of the seasons and the fact that we were on the cusp, the tipping point between winter and spring.

I smiled at Pat's expressive use of our language and the lovely day as I looked out across the bay on which this house stood. The snow was thin on the frozen lake and the sound of drip, drip, drip echoed gently all around. Like a Friday afternoon on a working week, winter was winding down, and the

endless possibilities of the weekend, of spring, were just around the corner.

And Pat was right, spring is now elbowing its way through the last vestiges of winter like a six-year-old kid pushing to the front of the crowd at a parade. Yes, we are still getting some freezing fog and the odd flurry, but the first hints of buds on trees are already there and people all around the county are busying themselves collecting sap, so it's most definitely spring.

There are other ways that I can tell, too. The ice on my favourite lake to fish walleye has definitely got somewhat dodgy in the last week, and my final trip out there on Tuesday evening was nervy both in terms of some finicky bites and the numerous areas where I wasn't sure that I should still be walking. By eight o'clock I was glad to be leaving the lake for the last time and looking forward to going back when I could float a boat over the same place that I've stood for the last two months.

The roads, too, they tell a tale of winter giving way to spring. Forget the fact that they are now free of snow, for that is obvious, but there is a certain amount of joy in seeing the filthy lumps of frozen ice gradually losing their grip on the pavement edge, and the swathes of melt water that flow across some

stretches of the highway.

There is also the less than amusing appearance of pot holes. My road is perhaps 300 metres long and in that short distance there are a similar number of pot holes. Drive down it at your peril. Drive fast and you risk being bucked off into the bush, such is the severity of the ride. Drive at a law abiding 50ish and chunks of your car are shaken off, only to sink almost out of sight in the mucky water that laps at the edges of said potholes. The only way to drive down my road is dead slow. Tire tracks tell the tale of previous drivers who have run the pothole gauntlet and tried numerous paths 'of least resistance' but I can tell you from experience that straight down the middle at about five miles per hour is the best, and perhaps only, way of safely negotiating the pockmarked hell that is my road.

But hey, potholes mean spring, so I'm good with that.

And then, finally, the thing that seals the deal for me, the action that means spring has sprung, is the day that I turn my beer fridge back on. You see, my beer fridge is in my unheated garage, and, since December of last year it's been quite cold in the garage. So cold, in fact, that my fridge has actually

been insulating my beer from the cold. Keeping it warm! It's been turned off, and, so long as the door is closed properly after

I secure myself a pint, the little fridge keeps my bevies at an ideal drinking temperature all winter. However, when on the weekend, I reached in to get myself a 'cold one' I found that they were warmish. 'Hmm,' I thought to myself, 'spring is in the air.' I plugged in the fridge, went indoors and announced the fact, as I always do. However, this year do you know what I said?

I cleared my throat and announced: “Yes, it definitely feels like 3:20 p.m. on a Friday afternoon, you know what I mean?”

It was noon on Saturday.

My lovely wife calmly remarked that, if that's how I felt, then maybe I should put the beer back in the fridge. My mother-in-law looked puzzled and Little Z just ignored me. I realized that Pat's so eloquent turn of phrase to describe the changing of the seasons had fallen on deaf ears and would never get the admiration it deserved in such uncultured company!

## The Outsider



By Will Jones



# Highlander opinions

## Eye on the street: *How do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?*



**Mark Brohm**

Haliburton

I don't, but I did drink a couple of green beers one St. Pat's Day.



**Sheila Bryant**

Cranberry Lake

Well, I am working this year and I do wear green for that day. It is a fun day but I have never had a green beer.



**Garrett Lorenz**

Wilberforce

I really do not celebrate St. Patrick's Day. I guess the bar guys and gals do celebrate it. Good excuse to have a drink or two.



**Cathy McIlmurray**

West Guilford

My granddaughter was going to go to Ireland but had to cancel. I'll probably go to the local pub.



**Maggie Lawrence**

Haliburton Lake

I'll celebrate with corned beef and cabbage.

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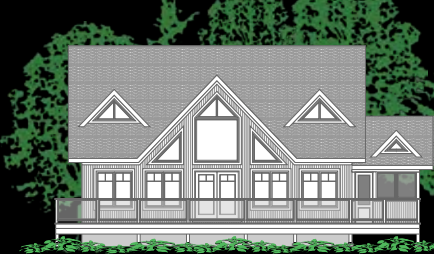
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### Toronto man charged with racing

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

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Todd Taylor was driving a grey Cadillac on Highway

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# Highlander opinions

## Why is Bob so special?

*Dear editor;*

Bob McIntyre passed away on Thursday, March 10.

When I arrived in Canada, we did not have satellite TV: we had an antenna on the roof and watched Channel 3 for the weather forecast. Bob was their weatherman. He talked so fast, with English being my second language, it took me weeks to get used to him. But I liked him. Whatever the weather was, he would find something positive about it. It would be pleasant or exciting or whatever he could come up with. Or he would tell you about the weather, and then say it was perfect to take your dog out for a walk.

He came up with the weather watcher pictures. Kids could send their drawings to the TV station and he would show one or two at the end of the forecast and comment on it. “I like this picture,” he would say, and then elaborate on the colours, compare it to a famous artist or comment on the weather in the picture, describe the cloud, tell you what kind of cloud it was; mention the rainbow, the dog, the house, and often end with: “that goes on the fridge.” My husband and I always imagined how excited the kids would be to hear such a personal comment on their picture on TV.

When Bob was three, he heard his name mentioned on the radio and still remembered how excited he was. So he did the same for a lot of kids.

Even for people, who had never met Bob, like us, he was special. People felt he was a friend. After his passing, reactions poured in. People from the TV station gave their comments about how supportive and kind he always was. So I kept thinking why is he so special, more so than maybe more famous people like Walter Cronkite, or Peter Mansbridge?

He was passionate and he was genuine; he was kind and he was positive; he was open and friendly; he had a big smile and somehow he never made you feel it was about him.

I would really like to touch people the way Bob did.

**Anje Bruch-Hilkers**  
**Minden**

## Community giving knows no lines, municipal or county

*Dear editor;*

With the recent breakdown of the Wilberforce Curling Club’s brine system, the club worked desperately to try and provide support to the various leagues and youth programs. We could not have done any of it without the help and support of the various curling clubs within our surrounding area.

This support and openness to take in our club and its members and to help the executive find solutions, to carry on with key functions (such as bonspiels) and other components of running the curling club business has been huge and very humbling.

The Bancroft Curling Club has been exceptional in the amount of help they have provided us both from a physical and mental perspective. Not only did they allow us to host our Annual Ladies Bonspiel at their facility, but they have also accommodated us so that we could run a Friday Night League.

As well the Haliburton and Minden Curling clubs have helped us by offering our members (the opportunity) to join their leagues as well as providing their clubs for our other two major bonspiels – January Mixed Bonspiel and our Men’s Bonspiel in March. Our newly formed Bantam Mixed Competitive Team was also taken in and allowed to practice with the Haliburton Competitive Teams.

As we work on fundraising events to help

us get our own curling club back up and running, we need to take a minute and give thanks and recognition to those around us who reached out a hand to help us back up on our feet.

Thank you, for without the support and help from these clubs, their executives and their members the battle would seem overwhelming. With neighbours and friends such as these three clubs, and the support of the community throughout the area, we will make it and be up and running by the fall of 2016.

On behalf of our members, thank you!

Regards,

**Darrell McQuigge**  
**Vice-president, Wilberforce Curling Club**

## Unbalanced coverage

*Dear editor;*

I felt compelled to write this letter to the editor after reading the stories in both local papers about the Haliburton Forest.

While I found the *Haliburton Echo’s* coverage to be fair and balanced, I was dismayed to note that *The Highlander* not only didn’t talk to Peter Schleifenbaum or the Forest’s general manager to offer any balance within its coverage, but also used an image of the Haliburton Forest main office, along with a headline about Forest buildings potentially being torn down. The misrepresentation caused by that image in conjunction with that headline is not only bad journalism, it could be actionable under Canadian libel law because of the potential business repercussions.

As a former Haliburton resident and as the wife of a Haliburton Forest contract employee, I have come to know Peter Schleifenbaum throughout the last five years, and I feel what was missing from both stories in both local papers are a contextual background and some simple facts. Not only is Haliburton Forest one of the largest local employers, they are a hugely successful tourism operator with a four-season business, and one of the largest taxpayers

in Haliburton County. The Forest was also Canada’s first certified sustainable forest, and when you look at the varied ways that the Forest contributes to the local economy and tourism base, you discover an impact that reaches far beyond Dysart’s borders.

Most municipalities, as I have learned through years of newspaper work, public meeting attendance and community development work, would not only be heralding the Forest as a gift from the Gods, but be working with Peter through regular meetings to try to smooth the Forest’s path forward in land, business and tourism development – for a very simple reason – when the Forest prospers, the entire region prospers.

That context appears to be missing in all coverage around this court case involving the Forest. The fact that the municipality did not find a way to meet with and work with Peter to enable his business’s growth and continuing expansion appears to speak to a local meanness of spirit and a tremendous gap in local vision. This type of ‘gotcha’ politics is outdated and small-minded.

Municipalities across the province are working every day with their businesses with a mindset of cooperation and an attitude of a shared vision for a mutually prosperous

future. I’m actually astonished and disappointed in Dysart’s response to a gap in building permits for several outbuildings that appear to be similar to other existing buildings at the Forest (buildings that this same inspector has previously inspected and approved), and for what appears to an onlooker as an uncooperative attitude towards one of the most successful, regional, year-round local employers.

Most municipalities would be actively working to remove obstacles to further expansion and growth at the Forest, and I can only hope that common sense will prevail before more precious, local tax dollars are further wasted on litigation and court fees.

**Laura Redman**  
**Bracebridge, Ontario**

*The Highlander’s Alex Coop tried unsuccessfully five times to reach Peter Schleifenbaum before and after press time. When Mr. Schleifenbaum returned our call, he said he couldn’t say anything beyond what he had already said publicly. The Highlander would be pleased to provide Mr. Schleifenbaum with an opportunity to respond at his convenience.*

## World Water Day

*Dear editor;*

In the past several months, Haliburton has become a Blue Dot Community, with the county and the four townships passing formal resolutions endorsing our right to a healthy environment. Those resolutions are an expression of how important clean water and clean lakes, for example, are to our community, Canada and the world. While resolutions are important, putting the fine words contained in them into action is really what counts. On World Water Day, March 22, we have an opportunity to celebrate our local healthy environment commitments by pressing our federal leaders to take real national action to protect

our incredible fresh water orphan.

In Haliburton County we have a shoreline protection bylaw, official plans that focus on good water management, and a number of community groups focused on the protection of local water quality. Efforts are in the works to improve septic system standards and many lake associations have joined with the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association’s (CHA) "Love Your Lake Program" to protect or promote the natural shorelines so essential to lake water quality.

While these local efforts are essential, many of the threats to local water quality extend beyond local control and require action on provincial and national levels.

The climate change-driven- risks posed by the insects and diseases attacking our local forests, as well as the growing blue/green algae challenges facing our local lakes, to name but two serious problems, can’t be addressed exclusively at the local level.

Canada has 1/5th of the world’s fresh water and 1/4th of the world’s remaining wetlands. While our federal government recognizes the human right to clean water, Canada has no national water standards, and, on any day, there are over 1,000 boil water advisories in effect.

The Blue Dot Movement believes that a constitutional amendment, guaranteeing our right to a healthy environment, is the best way to require all levels of government to

pull up their environmental socks. However, putting a constitutional amendment in place is a slow and complex process and, as an interim measure, The Blue Dot Movement is requesting that the federal government quickly enact Environmental Bill of Rights legislation that respects, protects and fulfills our right to a healthy environment, including the right to clean water.

Please consider adding your voice to the call for a national Environmental Bill of Rights.

For more information, visit [bluedot.ca](http://bluedot.ca)

**Terry Moore,**  
**Vice-president**  
**Environment Haliburton (EH!)**

# Highlander news

## Dysart looks to balance books in 2016

### Treasurer proposes using 2015 surplus to balance 2016 budget

By Alex Coop  
Staff writer

The controversial new OPP billing model continues to eat a large portion of Dysart et al's 2016 budget, but lower road maintenance costs, more building permits and contract jobs in 2015 might help balance the books.

Dysart treasurer Barbara Swannell's proposal to use \$300,000 of last year's \$320,000 surplus to fund this year's operating deficit budget was the starting point for budget discussions last week at Dysart's township office in Haliburton.

Total spending of \$13.2 million is proposed this year, up from \$12.7 million in 2015.

Residential ratepayers are looking at a tax rate of \$247.37 per \$100,000 of assessed value on their property. Last year's was \$225.46.

"The \$300,000 is going to facilitate some capital projects and some infrastructure," Swannell said.

Property taxation will once again pay for a large portion of expenses - about 55 per

cent - which include two one-tonne trucks valued at a total of \$116,700, upgraded financial software for the municipality and a new digital radio system that would cost \$100,500.

The current draft budget proposes a 9.7 per cent increase over last year's tax levy. About seven per cent of that increase can be attributed to the OPP, which will cost just over \$1.8 million.

That accounts for 14.1 per cent of Dysart's total expenditures.

"We're entering year three of the phase-in of the new model ... after that it will settle down," Swannell said. "It was a mandate that was totally out of our control."

She also told councillors the use of property taxation is at its highest since 2012. Fifty-five per cent of total municipal expenditures are funded from the \$7,328,000 of municipal taxes.

"Property taxation is working harder than in it has in the past," she said, adding the township's reserves are taking a hit as well. "We're depleting our reserves faster

than we can replenish them."

Councillor Derek Knowles voiced his concern about the township's expenses exceeding its revenues, and said if careful planning isn't done now, the municipality will feel those consequences down the road.

"We basically only have one source of revenue, and that's taxation," Knowles said. "From a business standpoint, and I know we're not a business, but from that perspective you can project exactly where we are going to run out of money."

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said all townships are struggling with the same problem. "It's a mess," he said.

Swannell said federal grant applications are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain.

"It seems as though grant money is becoming scarce and the application process for it is more competitive," she said. "It's put a stress on the tax dollar, making it work harder."

Federal and provincial funding amounts to about 25 per cent of the township's

total funding requirements for 2016.

After the meeting, Fearrey said it is unlikely the budget will change much from its current draft form. Some of the capital expenditures may shift slightly - the digital radio system may not remain on the budget if emergency services deem it too early to replace their existing system

- but the tax increases will remain where they are.

Deputy Reeve Andrea Roberts told *The Highlander* that she agrees with Swannell when it comes to using last year's surplus in 2016.

"If we don't use the surplus, it will lead to enormous increases,"

she said. "This is my ninth year on council, and it's always been challenging to find alternative revenue streams."

She also said she would like to have draft budget discussions before March next year, adding it felt like they were a bit behind this year.

"We should try to make sure that we're at this stage by late January or February next year."

Council hopes to pass the final budget by early April.

*We basically only have one source of revenue, and that's taxation.*

Derek Knowles  
Dysart councillor

## Soggy winter creates challenges for roads workers

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Although it seems as if Mother Nature went easy on the Haliburton Highlands this winter, that doesn't mean it was less of a challenge for local roads departments. While there wasn't an abundance of snowfall, crews had their work cut out for them with mild temperatures, rain and ice buildup.

"This year has been an odd year so far with four significant freeze-thaw events occurring within two months," said Travis Wilson, road superintendent for the Township of Minden Hills.

Wilson explained that gravel road is typically maintained to "snow-packed" conditions. But when the snow pack thaws and absorbs rain it turns into ice.

"This requires more than usual sanding as sand does not stick well to pure ice," said Wilson.

With several freeze-thaw events, many culverts required steaming to direct water off the road.

In January, the township spent an additional \$10,000 on plowing and \$6,000 more on sanding than in the previous year.

With spring on its way, Wilson anticipates another set of challenges.

"With more moisture than usual being in the base of our road network, we can

anticipate frost heaves, soft spots in the road, flooding, frozen culverts, etc.," he said.

The roads department is comprised of 12 full-time staff and one seasonal employee.

In Dysart, almost \$60,000 more was spent on winter roads maintenance between January and February than the previous season. This includes plowing, sanding, patrol, culvert thawing and snow removal.

"It has been an icy year with many freeze-thaw cycles which requires morning sandings," said Brian Nicholson, director of public works for the municipality. Along with several storms, it's made for a "typical winter."

Due to the freeze-thaw cycles, staff had to deal with frozen culverts earlier than in usual.

"The many freeze-thaw cycles that we are experiencing will probably create significant issues that will be seen in the spring," said Nicholson.

Mild temperatures will allow staff to see which culverts are frozen and need to be steamed. They may need to clean snow from ditch lines, poke holes in

various places to direct water off the road, and sand in the morning if evening temperatures drop below freezing, he said.

It's too early to tell if there will be a surplus in the budget because the fall season is considered the second half of winter.

Craig Douglas, director of public works for the County of Haliburton, and operations manager Sylvain Cloutier echoed similar sentiments about this winter.

"Frost, rain, freezing rain, light snow and snow squalls are all weather conditions that the county experienced up to the Christmas holidays," said Douglas. "Surprisingly, these weather condition do require some form of action."

This includes using sanders and salters to keep the county roads safe.

"In short, this winter has been just as busy for all roads staff as last winter," he said.

As for staffing, the winter schedule consists of two, 10-hour shifts from Monday to Friday and one shift on an on-call basis for weekends. When not responding to a heavy snowfall or other winter event, staff are clearing snow

banks, repairing roads and performing other maintenance-related duties.

With equipment being used more often, it results in an increase in maintenance and repairs by the county's mechanic staff, said Douglas.

The winter of 2010-11 was similar to this winter, he pointed out.

"It started with a mixture of weather activity with little snow up to Christmas followed by a second half of veritable weather conditions from freezing rain to heavy snowfalls," he said.

Since winter seasons are unpredictable, the county has a maintenance reserve. When there are cost savings during a less active winter, this money is put into a reserve which can be used to fund more labour-intensive winters.

Craig commended staff for their commitment to the job.

"The County of Haliburton is very fortunate to have such a dedicated, knowledgeable and experienced Roads Department staff. They are the ones out driving those large plow trucks in the worst weather and road conditions trying to make the roads as safe as possible for all other users," he said.

To learn more about each municipality's roads department visit their website, which can be found by searching Google.

*In short, this winter has been just as busy for all roads staff as last winter.*

Craig Douglas  
Director of public works



# Highlander business

## Camp Medeba launches new Mountain Lodge project

By Lisa Harrison  
Contributing writer

Camp Medeba in West Guilford has announced it will replace its existing lodge with a larger, more accessible version, slated for completion in 2017.

The new Mountain Lodge will be almost triple the total square footage of the current lodge. It will feature a larger meeting hall, more sophisticated AV technology and a separate expanded climbing gym for use by guests and the public.

Construction is scheduled to begin March 21 at a projected total cost of \$950,000.

Medeba is the second Haliburton County camp to announce a major expansion project in less than a year. In June 2015, YMCA Wanakita unveiled a three-year project, valued at some \$8 million. That project includes upgraded septic and wastewater treatment systems, expanded use of lake frontage and an ecology-based leadership centre. Work and fundraising are both in progress, according to a spokesperson.

Camp Medeba is a non-denominational Christian camp founded by Stu and Jackie Wilson in 1952. Medeba hosts more than 5,000 young people annually in summer camp, outdoor education and group retreat programs. The camp also provides the Prosago leadership training program for young adults.

The new Mountain Lodge project is necessary for Medeba’s future economic

sustainability, said Bruce Dunning, Medeba’s executive director, via email.

Built in 1965, the current lodge is nearing the end of its lifespan and can’t be renovated under new standards. The camp serves groups of up to 200, but the lodge can only hold about 100 people comfortably. The climbing wall is in the meeting space, limiting the wall’s use.

With Mountain Lodge, Medeba will accommodate groups of up to 200, provide more flexibility for programming and technical needs, and offer many indoor use options, said Dunning. That includes Canyon Lounge, a youth hang-out area with table games, café tables and couches. This can also serve as another meeting room.

The new 1,200-square-foot Crag climbing gym will feature 12, 24-foot high climbing routes. It will be available to the public whenever possible, primarily off-season

“Over the years we have offered our existing climbing wall for use by the community, but this should take that to a new level,” said Dunning.

Both lodge levels will accommodate guests with mobility issues and feature fully accessible washrooms.

Medeba plans to drill a new well, prepare the site, raise a temporary tent, demolish the existing second storey and begin excavating on the existing footprint by April 8.

“The big push initially is to finish the main meeting room upstairs that we call ‘Summit Hall’ by the third week of



Photo submitted by Camp Medeba

Stu and Jackie Wilson founded Camp Medeba in West Guilford in 1952.

October,” said Dunning. “Then we plan to finish off the rest of the building over the winter and spring [and have] it fully operational for the summer of 2017.”

Mountain Lodge has been planned for many years, so Medeba has already raised \$890,000 in private donations under the theme; “Tied in together. Reaching new peaks.”

The public is invited to get involved in fundraising for the new project by making donations, joining the annual Medeba

Golf Classic on May 30 at the Conestoga Country Club, and volunteering to help with construction, regardless of skill level.

“Since we are a charity, the fees that we charge for guests just go to cover operational expenses,” said Dunning. “Every building at Medeba exists because of the generosity of people who have donated funds to make that happen.”

For more information visit medeba.com, email info@medeba.com or call 705-754-2444.

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### Important Tax Information

The 2016 Interim tax bills were mailed on February 26, 2016. If you have not received your bill(s) prior to the March due date, please contact our office.

The Interim tax bill will be payable in two installments; March 24th and May 20th, 2016. This bill has been calculated using the 2015 annualized assessment multiplied by 50% of the 2015 applicable tax rate(s).

Payments received after February 15 may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for March. Please contact our office for a current balance.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change. Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.

#### Payment Options and Procedures

Your taxes may be paid via pre-authorized payment or telephone/internet banking services of the CIBC, Bank of Montreal, TD Canada Trust, Royal Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia or any Canadian Credit Union. Payment may be mailed to our postal address; if you require a receipt please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope. You may also pay your taxes by debit, cheque or cash in person at the Municipal Office, using the Pritchard Lane entrance.

Please note that if you use telephone or internet banking to pay your taxes, a separate account is required for each roll number. Your account is the 19 digit roll number found on your tax bill that starts with 4616. As we are now using automatic uploading of payment information, it is even more important that you use the correct account information.

The Township will not be held responsible for any penalty or interest charges resulting from inaccurate account information. Please ensure that you are using the correct 19 digit number, and that each tax account is paid separately.

If you wish to pay by preauthorized payment, the Township offers three plans. Forms are available on our website or at the Township office.

### Meetings & Events

**March 31**  
9:00 am, Regular Council meeting,  
Minden Council Chambers

**April 14**  
9:00 am, COTW meeting, Minden  
Council Chambers

### NEW! Nordic Pole Walking

Only 1 week left of Nordic Pole Walking!  
If you are interested in trying this low-impact exercise, meet at Scout Hall parking lot (in behind the arena) on Tuesday March 22 at 11:00 am. There is no cost and poles are provided.

### Request for Tender

**For the Roads Department:** Tender #RDS 16-001 - Aggregate Materials for the Township of Minden Hills for the 2016 & 2017 Seasons. Submission deadline is Tuesday March 29, 2016 by 12:00 noon. Visit [www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/) for more information.

### Reminders from the Fire Chief

#### Spring Melt

Spring time is approaching and flooding is a potential seasonal risk in our Minden Hills area due to rain fall, snow thaw or major storms. Visit our website at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca), for up to date information to assist you in preparing for the immediate measures before they are required.

#### Fire Season

A reminder that from April 1st to October 31st each year is “Fire Season.” During Fire Season there are specific guidelines and regulations that need to be followed. Please visit [www.mindenhills.ca/emergency-health-services/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/emergency-health-services/) for more information or contact the Fire Chief at 705-286-1260 ext 222.



# Highlander business

## Employment planning crucial for local economy

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

A new Local Employment Planning Council (LEPC) has been launched in Haliburton County, and entrepreneur Trevor Chaulk is excited about it.

"I have a passion for...entrepreneurship and I have a passion for [business development] in this area," said Chaulk, president of Chaulk Woodworking. The Minden Hills company specializes in cabinet and countertop manufacturing and installation.

"If nobody is helping, it's going to hinder the growth of the local economy," he said. "And... if you're not growing, you're dying."

The 18-month LEPC pilot project is being launched in Haliburton County, Peterborough City and County, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County. It's designed to pioneer new approaches to economic development. These include connecting employers, service providers and other key organizations across all four regions with critical information to address workforce needs. The LEPC will also help communities ensure employment and training programs meet specific employer needs and provide

support for new solutions in the labour market.

The project was developed by the non-profit Workforce Development Board (WDB), which provides labour market information, coordinates employment and training services, and engages employer communities in the four regions. The WDB is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

WDB's website notes that "representatives from regional industry, business services, education, human services, First Nations and economic development accepted WDB's invitation to join the LEPC Central Planning Table, which will influence the development of the overall project governance, mandate and vision."

Mike Rutter, Haliburton County's chief administrative officer, represents Haliburton at the Central Planning Table. Chaulk was invited along with other business representatives from all four regions to provide input to the Central Planning Table group as they developed the project goals and parameters.

The project's local launch drew a full house on March 8 at Pinestone Resort. The event included a video, a presentation by Brock Dickinson of MDB Insight (a management consulting firm involved in the project), and a survey to help the LEPC finalize its top priorities.

Dickinson's engaging presentation covered the changing demands of economic development from the manufacturing and technology eras through to the current knowledge economy, also known as the creative or invisible economy, in which knowledge is the new gold standard.

Workers in science, engineering, design and other creative sectors in the industrialized world now account for about 33 per cent of the workforce and about 50 per cent of wages paid, said Dickinson. Knowledge



Photo by Lisa Harrison

Brock Dickinson of MDB Insight presented compelling recommendations for success in the new knowledge economy at the Local Employment Planning Council launch on Mar. 8 at Pinestone Resort.

centres such as the Accelerator Centre in Waterloo, Ont. are springing up globally, and companies are choosing to locate based on local workforce knowledge rather than logistics.

Changes in the knowledge economy are more difficult to track than those of previous economies because they can't be easily seen, but it's critical for businesses and governments to stay abreast of them, said Dickinson. By partnering with one another, businesses, educators and governments can share existing information tools and create new ones.

Chaulk said his company already practices much of what Dickinson recommends. Chaulk Woodworking sends employees to seminars across Canada, studies market

trends, and invests in leading-edge technology.

"We're in our eighth year now, and we're still just scratching the surface on opportunity in this area," said Chaulk. "There is so much opportunity in Haliburton County, but there's got to be a lot of changes made, a lot of progressive changes, a lot of different viewpoints, a [new] way to look at things."

*There is so much opportunity in Haliburton County, but there's got to be a lot of changes made.*

**Trevor Chaulk**

President of Chaulk Woodworking

Giving employers the opportunity and funding to provide training is key, said Chaulk. While tourism has been the county's big focus, tourism can't survive without a sustainable, year-round local economy, and knowledge is crucial to that.

"It's my hope that Haliburton County is

now more open and [the LEPC will] create an open [mindset]... because there's going to come a time when things are going to change, and it's going to be too late to catch up."

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# Highlander life

## HHSS students repair four wells in Nicaragua

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

More than 1,500 people in an impoverished community in Nicaragua now have clean drinking water, thanks to the efforts of seven students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS).

While their main objective was to fix wells in the city of Matagalpa, they also formed close bonds with the people, especially the many children they met.

"Everybody was very loving there," recalled Kiana Lavergne, the only Grade 9 student on the trip.

The other students on the mission trip included Lavergne's older brother Kyle, Victoria Archibald, Cole Finlay, Regan Casey, Isaac Graham and Brenden McKee. They returned from the week-long trip on Feb. 20.

It was the first time that a group of students from the school travelled with Water Ambassadors Canada, a faith-based, non-profit charity that sends teams from across Canada to other countries to provide access to clean and safe drinking water.

Along with a few parents, who also went on the trip, the students filled three vehicles and flew out from Toronto's Pearson airport on Feb. 12. They landed in Houston and spent the night. From there, they boarded a flight to Nicaragua.

On their first day in the city, they assembled medical kits for people in the local hospital, Regional de Matagalpa. The girls visited the maternity ward and gave out bras that were

donated by Haliburton business, Patient News.

They also gave out Beanie Babies stuffed animals to newborns, and prayed for the sick.

On day two they repaired their first well and taught hygiene to some women in the village. In their "off" time, they played games and taught local children how to throw and catch a football.

"I'd say the thing that hit me really hard was seeing the poverty first-hand," said Grade 12 student Regan Casey. "Just seeing what people have to go through to live there."

They would go on to repair four wells amidst the hot temperatures and dusty conditions.

"We had to purposefully drink water," said Archibald's mother, Beth, who has been on other mission trips in the past.

They all agree it was very rewarding to see the fruits of their labour.

"I thought it was really rewarding once [you're] pumping [the well] at the end," said Beth Archibald, who pointed out that about 60 people in one village gathered around for their final well.

"We were telling all the kids, 'Come! Agua! Agua! [Water! Water!]' Then they all [ran] up."

On their last day, they made improvements to the only special-needs school in the country. This included replacing a wall, sanding desks and painting.

"We were only there for a day, but honestly, we could have a spent a month there fixing it



Photo submitted by Brenda McKee

Students from HHSS pose with villagers from Nicaragua.

up," said Archibald.

Brenda McKee, team coordinator for Water Ambassadors, is very proud of everything the team accomplished. It was a big success overall.

"I've already had emails and requests from people to put their children on a list," said McKee. "So absolutely I could see this

becoming an annual [trip]."

During the school year, the students raised about \$33,000 to pay for the trip.

The other adults who went were McKee, Jen Casey and Craig Bowker.

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# Highlander arts

## A Doc(k) Day at the movies

By Jennifer Hughey  
Editor

Lights, camera, action; it's time to mark your calendars for Doc(k) Day, Haliburton's documentary film festival presented by Those Other Movies.

The festival, scheduled for April 9 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, includes four feature-length documentary films chosen by a committee made up of Lisa Kerr, Tammy Rae, Carol McClennan, Peggy Cassils, Midori Nagi, Anja Hilkers, Lorraine McNeil and Marci Mandel.

Mandel is head of publicity for Those Other Movies. She said the committee agreed that all four movies shared a common theme of, "Doing the Undoable," as suggested by Tammy Rae.

"We don't always have a theme. Tammy noticed the connection [between the films] and we ran with it," Mandel said. She added that the committee always tries to choose thought-provoking and entertaining films each year.

Kerr said Doc (k) Day was launched in more than five years ago, when the committee realized there were documentaries they wanted to share with local audiences.

"We run ... Those Other Movies, [now in its] 10th season, and a weekend International Film Festival in November, where we highlight foreign language and other films," Kerr said. "Doc(k) Day is held in the spring to complement these other film series, and is quickly becoming a local favourite."

Mandel said they're thrilled to have a Q & A session with director, Stefan Morel, and producer Leslie Haller of *Blind Spot: Moments Unseen*.

The film is an award-winning vision-quest documentary that features three visually impaired adventurers who travel on horseback into the Andes mountains. The journey "awakens the blind riders – and their sighted guides – untapped



Photo from blindspotfilm.com

*Blind Spot: Moments Unseen* is a film about three blind riders' journey into the Andes.

senses." The film suggests there is more to seeing than sight – something that will resonate with the film's audience.

"The producer [Haller], who has a cottage in the area, introduced herself and her project to us at the Haliburton Highlands International Film Festival," Mandel said. "We were very excited to showcase local talent."

The other three films are: *All the Time in the World*; *How to Change the World*; and *Meru*.

*All the Time in the World* is about a family who pack up and leave the comforts of modern living to move to the cold northern winter in the Yukon. The film explores the theme of disconnecting from a hectic and technology-based life to reconnect with nature and family love.

*How to Change the World* tells the story of Greenpeace co-founder, Robert Hunter, and a group of like-minded friends in the 1970s, who set sail from Vancouver

in an old fishing boat in attempts to stop the nuclear testing in Alaska and wind up creating a movement that would change the way we look at the world.

*Meru* features three climbers who attempt to climb Mount Meru, one of the most "coveted prizes in the high stakes game of Himalayan big wall climbing". The documentary is a story of perseverance, combating the elements and conquering your inner demons. It was short-listed for best film in the Documentary Feature category in this year's Academy Awards.

Doc(k) Day's films will run throughout the day on April 9 from 10 a.m. until around 9 p.m. Those Other Movies is a non-profit organization and operates as part of the Film Circuit, a division of the Toronto International Film Festival.

For more information, contact Marci Mandel at whitetraillanding@gmail.com or visit the website at haliburton-movies.com/dockday.html.

### Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.

#### HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *Far From True* by Linwood Barclay
2. *Private Paris* by James Patterson
3. *Clawback: An Ali Reynolds Novel* by Judith A. Jance

#### HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *The Waste Not, Want Not Cookbook: Save Food, Save Money, and Save the Planet* by Cinda Chavich
2. *Love the House You're In: 40 Ways to Improve Your Home and Change Your Life* by Paige Rien
3. *Until We Are Free: My Fight for Human Rights in Iran* by Shirin Ebadi

#### HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *The Baby-Sitters Club: Claudia and Mean Janine* by Ann M. Martin (JF Graphic Novel)
2. *Pete the Cat: Old MacDonald Had a Farm* by James Dean (Board Book)

#### AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *In The Heart Of The Sea* (DVD)
2. *The Gangster* by Clive Cussler (Book on CD)

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# Highlander arts

## Warboy

### WWII memoir as compact and intriguing as its author

By Bob LeMar

Contributing writer

If the lack of snow has put a damper on your March Break, spare a thought for what Haliburton resident Maarten Hofland was doing 71 years ago this week.

Hofland was born in 1933, in the Dutch seaside town of Scheveningen. Underweight at birth and from a poor family, his early childhood during the depression was spartan but still full of adventure. As a scrappy kid he would roam the dunes, making mischief like any other boy his age.

And then, in one moment on May 10, 1940, at the age of seven, Maarten's childhood was over.

It was 2 a.m. when German bombs started falling, announcing the start of the invasion that would plunge the Netherlands into war for the next five years. Four days later the Germans firebombed Rotterdam, a large and important port city, destroying it and killing 900 people. Hofland could hear the explosions from his home, 28 km away. Under threats that other cities would be obliterated by the overwhelming German forces, the Dutch government surrendered after just five days.

What followed were five years in which a nation was humiliated and slowly starved, imprisoned within its own borders. Now, seven decades later, Hofland has described his experience in a book, *Warboy*.

Simply told and economical in detail, *Warboy* is a personal story of a child and his family trying to survive what he calls "devils in uniform" and the destruction they wrought.

The narrative is chronological, starting with the first bombs and ending with the liberation of Holland by Canadian and allied forces in 1945.

In it, Hofland describes the effects of the occupation on him and his family. He details Nazi tactics of relocations, forced labour, intimidation and murder and relates targeting and disappearance of Jews through the eyes of a child. Maarten's brother is frequently hidden under the floorboards in his home to avoid dragnets of German soldiers sweeping each street and searching each house for young men to drag off to compulsory service for the German war effort.

The book is brief, and fascinating.

As the Germans were losing the war, they enacted a policy of deliberate starvation against the Dutch. This was the Hunger Winter (1944-45). With no fuel, or food in the shops, the Dutch burned furniture and doors to stay warm. After every livestock animal and even pets were gone, crops taken to Germany or otherwise insufficient, they ate beets and tulip bulbs to stay alive. Some couldn't get anything, and many died in the streets or in their homes from starvation or disease.

Throughout, Maarten was determined to do what he could for himself and his family. A boy soldier in every respect except a uniform, he ran messages for the resistance. He risked his life many times for a potato or loaf of bread for his family. At one point, he escapes

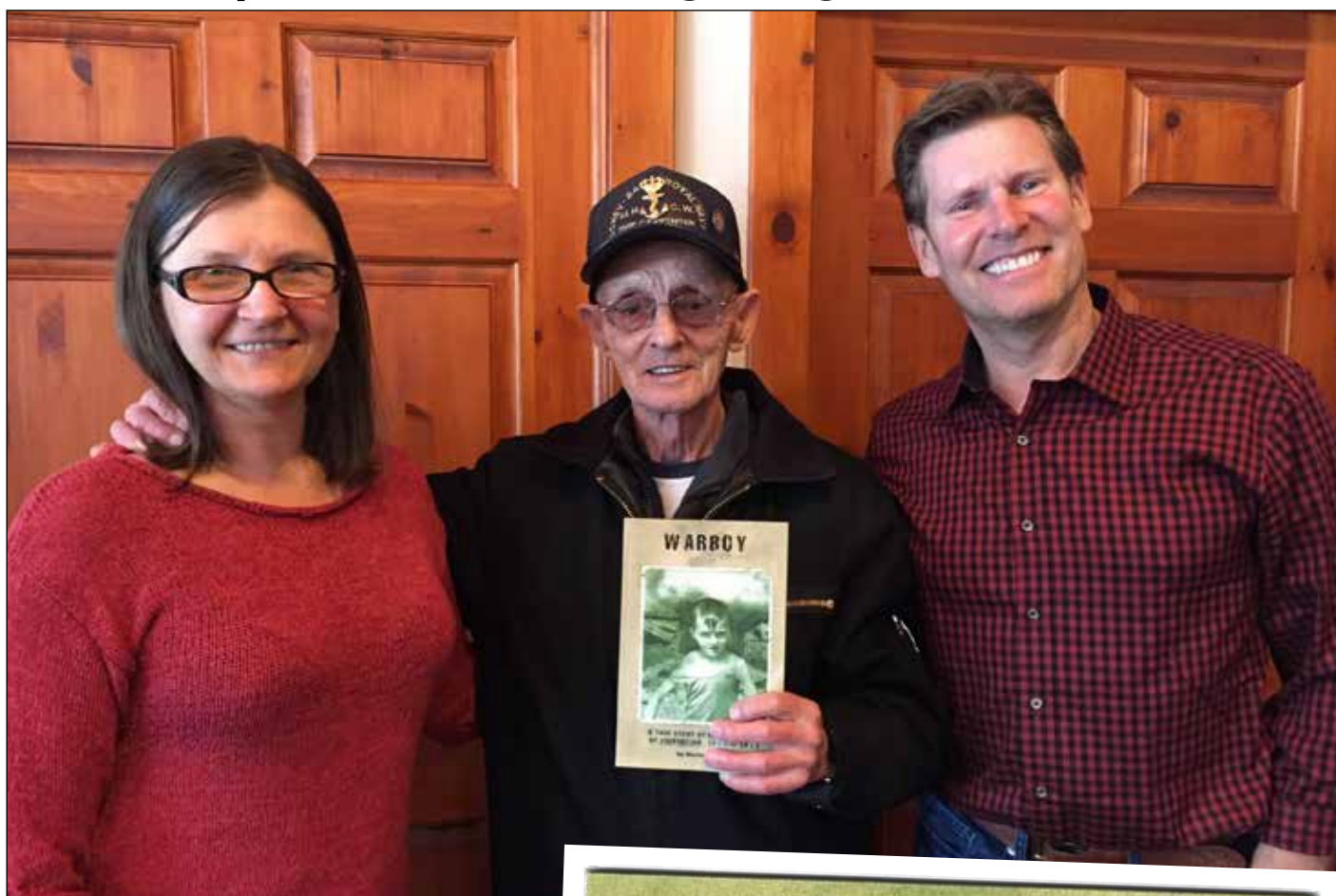


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Author Maarten Hofland, centre, with graphic designer Wanda Factley (left) and Patient News CEO Wayne Lavery (right). Patient News donated the graphic design and printing for the book.

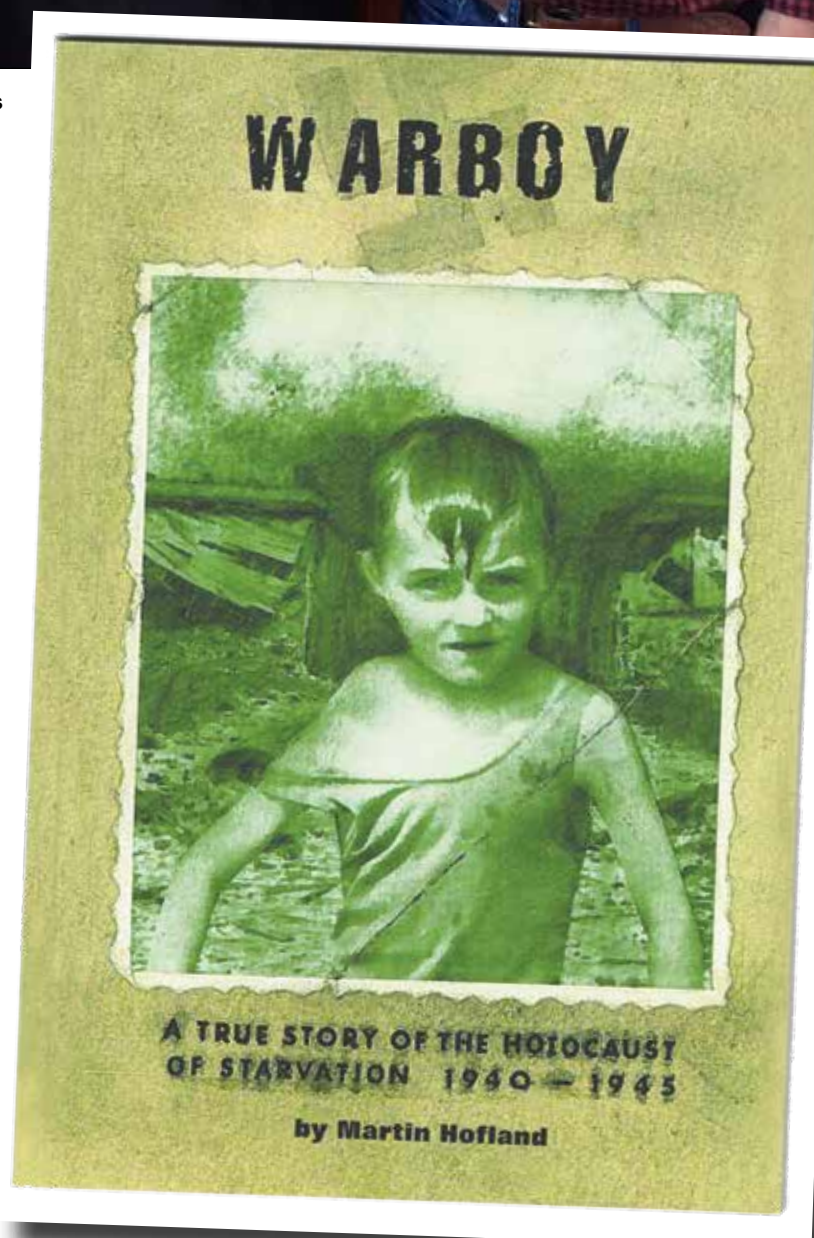
pursuing German soldiers by running through a mine field, knowing the alternative would have been getting shot, because even a child desperate for food was fair game for his tormentors' bullets.

In its few pages, *Warboy* manages to convey the terror of war and one boy's struggle to survive it. It's a testimonial as remarkable as the writer himself; an hour's read containing a lifetime of insight.

But there's even more to Maarten Hofland's story. When we visited him for *The Highlander's* video project, The Veterans of Haliburton County, we were totally unprepared for what we found. Inside his home is an actual museum, full of items from WWII. Maarten described nearly every one to us: letters written from the King to local parents, consoling them on the death of their son; and hundreds of artifacts, many also with local connections.

Hofland's collection and the narrative he supplies to describe it are hidden treasures that will thrill local history buffs and educate the rest of us.

*Warboy* is being distributed by Hofland free of charge and is available at local libraries and Legions. *The Highlander* also has a few copies available for loan. If you'd like your own, contact Hofland at: A Veteran's War & Marine Museum, Box 1085, Haliburton K0M 1S0, telephone 705-457-2382. Donations to the museum are welcome.





# The Fifth Annual Haliburton Documentary Film Festival

# Doc(k) Day

Saturday, April 9 2016

## ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD

10:00 AM - 88 min

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## HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD

1:30 PM - 110 min

In 1971 a brave group of young activists set sail from Vancouver in an old fishing boat. Their mission: to stop Nixon's atomic bomb. It was from these humble but courageous beginnings the global organization we now know as Greenpeace was born. Chronicling the fascinating untold story behind the modern environmental movement, this gripping film tells the story of eco-hero Robert Hunter and how he, alongside a group of like-minded and idealistic young friends in the '70s, would be instrumental in altering the way we now look at the world and our place within it.



## MERU

4:00 PM - 90 min

Gripping visually as well as narratively, this rare documentary proves thought-provoking while offering thrilling wide-screen vistas. Sitting 21,000 feet above the sacred Ganges River in Northern India, Mount Meru's perversely stacked obstacles make it both a nightmare and an irresistible calling. Three elite climbers struggle to find their way through obsession and loss as they attempt to climb one of the most coveted prizes in the high stakes game of Himalayan big wall climbing. MERU is the story of an expedition through nature's harshest elements, complicated inner demons, and ultimately on to impossible new heights.



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## BLIND SPOT: MOMENTS UNSEEN

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# Highlander outdoors



Photo by Mark Arike

The MNRF says feeding deer in the winter can affect normal movement patterns.

## Should you feed deer in winter? A Q&A with the MNRF

**By Jennifer Hughey**  
Editor

This is the first interview in a series of conversations with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). Erin MacDonald is a biologist with the Bancroft District.

### Q: Is it legal for local residents to feed deer?

MacDonald: There are currently no regulations in place that would prohibit deer feeding. However, municipalities have the ability to implement bylaws prohibiting the feeding of wildlife.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry advises that in place of feeding, it would be better to focus efforts on breaking trails in critical areas where deer numbers are below population targets and at risk.

If people are already feeding deer this winter, MNRF advises that, because the metabolic rate of the deer has been artificially increased by the feeding and

their digestive systems have adjusted to the use of artificial foods, individuals should not stop feeding until the deer are able to move freely and access natural spring food sources.

### Q. Have there been more reports of deer being hit by motor vehicles?

MacDonald: MNRF, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and OPP have a shared interest in minimizing the number of wildlife/motor vehicle collisions. The OPP monitors collisions on County and Municipal roads, and the MTO monitors them on provincial roads. There are many factors that influence the amount of these collisions including numbers of vehicles on the road, wildlife populations, time of year, winter severity, roadway maintenance and members of the public feeding wildlife near roadways. In Haliburton County, the MNRF, MTO and OPP have partnered on a number of

initiatives focused on reducing the number of wildlife/motor vehicle collisions, such as public outreach and enhanced roadway maintenance (e.g. brushing) at identified collision “hotspots.”

### Q. Have the deer experienced a difficult winter to warrant the feeding?

MacDonald: No. This winter has been relatively mild with less snow, and the snow came much later in the season than usual.

### Q: Will feeding affect their normal patterns?

MacDonald: Winter feeding of deer is not considered a biologically sound practice, as it presents a number of risks. Feeding can affect the normal behaviour

and patterns of deer movement. It can cause them to concentrate in areas around feeding stations, instead of migrating to natural deer yarding areas. There are a number of concerns with this change in behaviour, including the potential for disease transmission, the attracting of predators, digestive issues, and increased vehicle collisions when feeding occurs close to roads.

### Q: What are the MNRF's recommendations for safe practices when it comes to interacting with deer?

MacDonald: MNRF recommends allowing deer to migrate to their natural winter yarding areas and maintaining high quality deer habitat, rather than feeding them in the winter. The Ministry also suggests people keeping their dogs from running at large. Remember: Deer are wild animals and should be treated as such.



# Highland Storm

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## TheHighlander 3-Stars of the Week

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### Vanek Logan - Tyke



After a weekend off, the Highland Storm Tyke team made up for it with a jam-packed three game schedule of hockey starting Friday, March 11 against the Huntsville Otters. Over the three game weekend Vanek had the hot hand, burying three goals. The Tyke's split the two games against the Otters, and lost in Wilberforce to the Apsley Flames.

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### Caleb Manning - Tyke



The Highland Storm Tyke were in tough this weekend, as they battled in three hard fought games including a double header against rival Huntsville Otters. Caleb was instrumental in leading the offensive attack, and was able to rack up multiple assists. Look for him to be the set-up man this weekend as the Tyke's travel to Gravenhurst to participate in the Brad Pearsell Tournament.

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### Brady Burtch - Tyke



The Highland Storm Tyke were all over the map this past weekend, playing in the Huntsville, Wilberforce and Haliburton arena's over a three day span. Brady stuck to that theme, as he was all over the ice, playing hard in both the offensive and defensive zones. He was rewarded for his hard work, picking up both a goal and an assist.

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Photo by Alex Coop

Tyke Highland Storm player Brechin Johnston waits for the puck to drop during a game against the Huntsville Otters on Sunday.

## Storm Tykes

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

After a weekend off, the Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team made up for it with a jam-packed schedule of hockey, starting on Friday, March 11 against the Huntsville Otters.

The Storm and the Otters have history, and neither team is able to win on the road. The game was action-packed like the others, but once again, the Storm could not win in Huntsville. Goals for the Storm were scored by Vanek Logan and Jace Mills. Chase Winder played an exceptional game in net and

helped keep the Storm close. The Otters came out on top 6-3.

The Storm Tyke team hosted the Apsley Flames in Wilberforce on March 12. The Storm came out strong and held the Flames to a single goal at the end of the first period. However, the Flames ended up being more than the Storm could handle, and gave them their first scoreless game of the season. Apsley won the game 5-0. The score did not reflect the amount of hustle, effort and heart demonstrated by all Storm players.

The final day of the weekend was a rematch for the Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team against the Huntsville Otters, this time in

Haliburton. From the first puck drop it was set to be another hard battle for these two teams. Mills opened the scoring for the Storm, but Huntsville answered a minute later.

It was end-to-end action with no room for error. The Storm managed to hold off the Otters and handed them another road loss. The final score ended up 4-2 in favour of the Storm, with goals being scored by Brechin Johnston, Mills and McLean Rowden. Great goal tending helped seal the victory. Congratulations, Storm, on a great weekend of hockey.

The Tyke team is back in action next weekend when they travel to Gravenhurst for the Brad Pearsall Tournament.

## Storm report

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# Highlander sports



Photo by Shelby Mahon

## Nowhere to go but up

Minden snowcross racer Izac Reid gets some massive air during a race in Timmins. Reid continues to hold the top spot in the Sport 600-1 category of the Canadian Snowcross Racing Association's 2016 season. Read next week's issue of *The Highlander* for a detailed update on his season.

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# Highlander sports

## Bowling Scores

### Monday afternoon, March 7

**MEN:** High avg: Claude Cote – 222 High single: Claude Cote – 238 High single handi: Claude Cote – 244 High triple: Claude Cote – 673 High triple handi: Ken Thompson – 685  
**WOMEN:** High avg: Chris Cote – 177 High single: Chris Cote – 199 High single handi: Sandra Legge – 250 High triple: Chris Cote – 564 High triple handi: Karen Bird – 712

### Tuesday afternoon, March 8

**MEN:** High avg: Claude Cote – 225 High single: Claude Cote – 247 High single handi: Bruce Shephard – 256 High triple: Claude Cote – 654 High triple handi: Bruce Shephard – 684  
**WOMEN:** High avg: Chris Cote – 180 High single: Lydia Comeau – 220 High single handi: Lydia Comeau – 290 High triple: Chris Cote – 513 High triple handi: Lydia Comeau – 671

### Wednesday Special Olympics, March 9

**MEN:** Ross Anderson – 161 Jason Cochrane – 160 Casey Healy – 153  
**WOMEN:** Skylar Pratt – 202 Kim Buie – 137 Robin Fletcher – 136

### Thursday afternoon, March 10

**MEN:** High avg: Gerry Wagg – 187 High single: John Bell – 248 High single handi: John Bell – 289 High triple: Gerry Wagg – 641 High triple handi: Gerry Wagg – 734  
**WOMEN:** High avg: Barb Ballantyne – 179 High single: Edith Shirran – 202 High single handi: Edith Shirran – 271 High triple: Barb Ballantyne – 527 High triple handi: Edith Shirran – 722

### Friday afternoon, March 11

**MEN:** High avg: Claude Cote – 214 High single: Tom Marshall – 276 High single handi: Tom Marshall – 324 High triple: Claude Cote – 716 High triple handi: Claude Cote – 746  
**WOMEN:** High avg: Chris Cote – 182 High single: Clara Vuksic – 319 High single handi: Clara Vuksic – 370 High triple: Chris Cote – 651 High triple handi: Clara Vuksic – 803

## Red Hawks one of province's top two teams: Duhaime

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's girls curling team couldn't bring home the gold last week, but that didn't take away from a very successful season.

"They were clearly one of the top two teams in the province," said head coach Russ Duhaime after the game. "I am super proud of this team, they came a long way in terms of technique and strategy."

The Red Hawks travelled to North Bay on March 7 to play in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations' curling tournament. They lost their opening game against Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute, but recovered the next day and defeated Fort Frances High School.

Everything came down to the final game on March 9, but the Red Hawks were defeated by Oshawa's Maxwell Heights Secondary School.

"We were just outplayed in the third game against a red-hot team," Duhaime said. "The Oshawa coach described it as the best game they ever played."

HHSS won the Gore Mutual Provincial Championships on Feb. 20, followed by their victory in the Central Ontario Secondary Schools finals in Haliburton Feb. 24.

Congratulations, Red Hawks on a great season!

Red Hawks curling coach Russ Duhaime says his team played against a very tough opponent during their last game at OFSAA.



By Jennifer Hughey

## Haliburton Team wins Lassie Spiel

The 40th annual Highland Lassie Ladies Bonspiel was held on March 5 at the Haliburton Curling Club and drew nine out-of-town teams from Ilderton, Port Perry, Bradford, the GTA, Weston, St. George and London. Teams, many of them decked out in traditional Scottish costumes were piped onto the ice by Fraser Macdonald. The spiel winner was a team from Haliburton, skipped by Kim Lewis. Her team included Sheila Campbell, vice, Cindy Campbell, second and Candy Robinson as lead.



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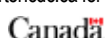
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COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE on a bright main floor with 450 sqft, parking. Located at 240 Highland St. Unit C, Haliburton, (behind Vasey Insurance Brokers) Available immediately, \$700 month all inclusive (heat & hydro). Contact 705-457-2300 for more information (TFN)

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## FOR SALE

WANTED: Buying vintage toys basically anything from the 80's or earlier. Such as Barbie and accessories, My little pony, transformers, GI Joe & misc. action figures, trading cards, dinky & hot wheel cars. Etc. Please contact me with what you have for a quote. 705-457-1515 whynotcollectit@gmail.com

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2000 Subaru Outback AWD, needs new tires. asking \$2400. Certified. 2000 Ford Ranger RWD, step side, 5sp std, V6, new snow tires, excellent running shape, \$2500. 705-457-2278 (MR17)

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SEEKING TO HIRE Lawn & Yard Contractors and Handymen. Please call Denise at Bliss in the North 705-457-7827 (3.31)

BARK LAKE is hiring housekeepers to join our team. More info at www.barklake.com/join-us email resumes and cover letter to: housekeeping@barklake.com (Mr24)

Landscaping & Excavating Company with a Retail store looking for self motivated, hard working people. Drivers licence with a clean abstract is necessary. Contact 905-260-5426 (MR17)

## HELP WANTED

DRIVERS needed for Hyland Taxi. G License for taxi is required. B,C or F License for 11 passenger van and bus. Call 705-457-9898

## EVENTS

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 1:00pm Wednesday April 6 Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital New members welcome-info. 705 457 4032

Saturday April 16 Maple Lake United Church - Ham Dinner - 5:30 pm \$15 - reservations recommended. Take out and gift certificates available. Call Bev 705-286-2130 or Pat 705-754-2980

## FUNERAL SERVICES



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## OBITUARIES



### Eileen 'Chicky' Heard

(Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario)

At the residence on Saturday morning, March 12, 2016 in her 72nd year. Beloved wife of Charlie Heard for over 54 years. Loving mother of Ed (Brenda) of Simcoe and Sue (Graham) of Cambridge. Cherished daughter-in-law of Elva Heard of Haliburton and sister-in-law of Dwight (Wendy) of Port Coquitlam, BC. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Alexis, Christopher and Jacob.

Dear sister of Walter, Barb, Randy, Linda, Shirley, Brenda, Peggy, Debbie, Janice, Ron, Michael and Kevin. Predeceased by her brothers Tom, Billy, Jim and her sisters Claire and Florence. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Chicky enjoyed her dogs Joe and Remington, gardening, dancing, walking, visiting with the neighbours and most of all her family.

#### Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Wednesday morning, March 16, 2016 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Reception followed in The Community Room. Interment later St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



www.communityfuneralhomes.com

## FUNERAL SERVICES



### Funerals and Memorial Services

127 Bobcaygeon Rd  
Minden, ON 705-286-2181  
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## OBITUARIES



### In Loving Memory of Bruce Clements Jennings

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Sunday, March 13, 2016. At the age of 84.

Beloved husband of the late Margaret. Dear father of Elaine (Ross), Jean (Steve), Jerry, Maureen, and Peter (Karen). Loving Poppa of 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Doug, Phil and predeceased by Gord and Lorraine. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

It was Bruce's wish for cremation. A Gathering to Celebrate Bruce's Life will be held Saturday, March 26 at the Minden Legion from 12-4. A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at Gelert Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.



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### In Loving Memory of Nancy Elaine Douglas

Passed away unexpectedly at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at the age of 37.

Loving daughter of Colleen and Ian Douglas, cherished sister of Michelle Douglas and Dan Hayward, Jeremy Douglas and Natasha Bardin, and aunt of Trey Kyle, Remi Hayward and Hanna Douglas. Fondly remembered and deeply missed by her aunts, uncles, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Lakeside Baptist Church, 9 Park St., Haliburton on Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm and then on Friday, March 11, 2016 from 10:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Nancy's Life at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs). Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.



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# Highlander classifieds

EVENTS

Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning Native plant sale. Online till April 15th. Visit [www.haliburtonstewardship.ca](http://www.haliburtonstewardship.ca)

Mother Goose at Haliburton OEYC on Wednesday mornings starting March 23 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. for families with children newborn to 2.5 yrs 8 weekly. In partnership with Point in Time. Please register at Haliburton OEYC at 705-457-2989, email [oeychaliburton@bellnet.ca](mailto:oeychaliburton@bellnet.ca) or call Point in Time at 705-457-5345



EVENTS

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1:00-3:00pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength and flexibility. Minden on Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Hyland Crest auditorium and in Haliburton on Thursdays at 1:00pm at Echo Hills. For more info contact Judy Webb at 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551 (TFN)

EVENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10:00am-noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Income tax program starting at the Haliburton Legion each Friday Feb 26 from 9:00am – 12:00pm until April 22. Wilberforce Legion. Each Wednesday 2:00pm – 3:30pm until April 27

**NOTICE:** If you are considering a new career in real estate, be advised that education requirements are changing effective April 1, 2016. There is still time to enroll in the licensing program before the change. Call or email for information. Bowes & Cocks Limited, Jeff or Andrea Strano, Sales Representatives / Career Coaches. 705-457-2220 or [careers@bowesandcocks.com](mailto:careers@bowesandcocks.com).

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**WANTED ANTIQUES**  
Furniture, glass, china, decoys, military medals, costume jewellery, gold & silver, silver dollars & 50 cent pieces, pocket watches, paintings, etc.  
**ANYTHING OLD**  
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IN MEMORY

**Opal Crowe (nee Hewitt)**  
*October 26, 1941-March 19, 2011*

Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and very dear.  
You are forever in our hearts.

*Love, Don and family*



EVENTS

**Saturday, March 26th**  
**Easter Weekend**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce

*Maple Syrup Festival*  
all-you-can-eat  
**Pancakes & Sausages**  
with locally made pure Maple Syrup

Child (10 & under) **\$3.00** Adult **\$6.00**

Plus Colouring Contest, Maple Syrup Display, Flea Market & Crafts

FREE PUBLIC SKATING 12pm-2pm right across the road at the arena

Your Volunteer Rec Board in Action...  
Raising funds to install skate friendly Rubber Flooring in our Arena!



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# Highlander events



Photo by Jennifer Hughey

## Minden sets up for Maple Magic

Magic is in the air, and in the streets. Lois Rigney, Sinclair Russell and other volunteers took to the streets on March 11 to replace the Christmas decorations with the colours of spring in celebration of Maple Magic. Russell organizes and purchases all the material with the help of the Minden Business Association. The month-long promotion is centred on Minden's Main Street and finishes with Maple Mayhem at The Dominion Hotel on March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

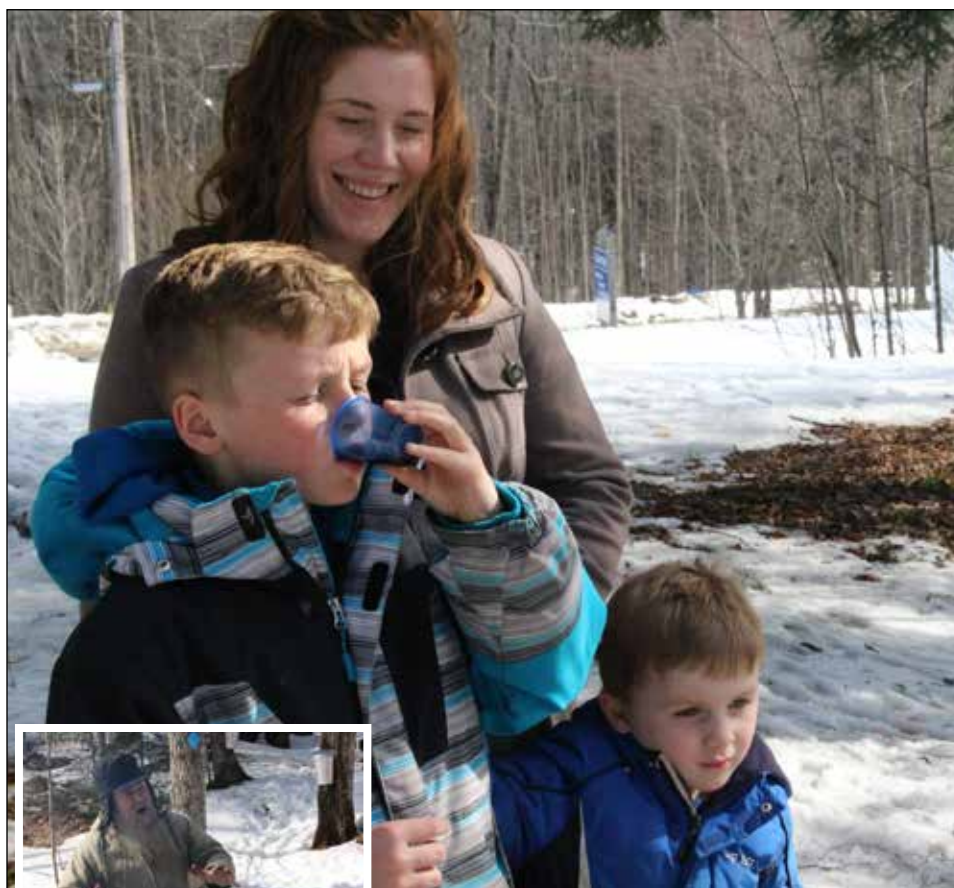


Photo by Alex Coop

## The taste of spring

Dominic Suriano, above, tastes some fresh maple syrup at the Haliburton Highlands Museum with Malcolm Wilton, right. The museum is inviting people to drop in during the March Break to taste maple syrup and learn about how early settlers in Haliburton used the sweet substance.



## 2ND ANNUAL CURRY CHEVROLET EASTER EGG HUNT

**FRIDAY MARCH 25th @ 11:00 am**  
**Curry's Lot ~ Haliburton**

**FREE  
Photos  
with the  
Easter  
Bunny!**

**Bring your Easter baskets for a fun hunt with your family. Each child will receive a Treat Bag, Bunny Ears & a Photo with the Easter Bunny! Plus we will have free Face Painting & Balloon Creations!**

**Please register through our Eventbrite link or by contacting Cheryl Smith @ 705-455-2500**



**Haliburton Highlands  
CHAMBER of COMMERCE**

### TENDERS FOR

#### **PURCHASE OF PROPERTY & BUILDING**

12340 Highway #35, Minden Ontario

known as the: **'Visitor Information Centre'**

will be accepted at the Chamber of Commerce office until **10:00 a.m., Monday, March 21, 2016**

**Tender Specifications** are available from the Chamber of Commerce. **Reserve Bid of \$100,000** in place.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Submit tender marked **"TENDER - Purchase of Minden Property"** to:

**Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce**

**195 Highland St. Ste L1**

**Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0**

**Phone: 705-457-4700**

**Fax: 705-457-4702**

**Email: autumn@haliburtonchamber.com**

For complete **Tender Specifications** or to book an appointment to view the property, contact Autumn Smith at the above email/phone number. *Tenders will be accepted from Realtors at 3% commission.*



# Highlander events



Photo by Alex Coop

## A goodwill tour

Jamie Schmale, MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, tours the Minden Food Centre with manager Joanne Barnes. Schmale visited the centre on Tuesday after witnessing Barnes win the Chamber of Commerce's Highlander of the Year award.



Photo by Mark Arike

County Warden Carol Moffat addresses the crowd at the recent Chamber Breakfast.

## Warden encourages county to come together

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Carol Moffatt believes the county and its people have come a long way, but there's still more work to be done.

And one of the ways the Highlands will move forward is if its current ambassadors convince the naysayers to jump on the bandwagon.

"Unfortunately, it's 2016, and there are still people talking about Haliburton County like it was 1916," said Moffatt, now in her second term as county warden. She was addressing an audience of 45 people, most from the business community, who were attending Breakfast with the Warden, held March 15 at the Stanhope Community Centre.

"I can't be the only person who's really

tired of hearing people say, 'that's all the way in Dorset' or 'oh, I don't shop in Haliburton – they burn witches there,'" she said. "I just don't understand that mentality."

Moffatt, who is also reeve of Algonquin Highlands, emphasized the importance of eliminating territorial squabbles, and providing better customer service to locals and visitors.

"We don't have the luxury, in this community, to pick and choose when we can be nice to people," she said, adding any business can fail or succeed based on attitudes.

The event was hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce with food catered by Molly's Bistro Bakery.



Photo by Alex Coop

## Jamming out on a Sunday

Dozens dance to the tunes provided by the County Hot Flashes band during the Coboconk Legion's Country Music Jamboree on March 13.

## WINTERGREEN MAPLE SYRUP AND PANCAKE BARN

3325 GELERT RD. Minden ON

Open weekends from March 5 to April 24, 9 a.m To 4 p.m.

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Early spring heralds the annual "sugaring off" in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall in our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, French toast, baked beans and complimented by our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products are available in our retail area along with our BBQ sauces, jams, jellies, preserves, mustards, fruit syrups, hot sauces and preserves. Join us at 2 p.m. For a visit to Sourdough Sam's cabin and a sugary taste of sugar-on-snow. Call the Dawson's anytime at 705-286-3202 for more information. Cash or cheque only.

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# What's on



## Gord Kidd & Friends

Coming to the

**Minden Legion**

**Saturday March 19, 1 pm – 4 pm**

No cover charge but donations are appreciated. Food available.  
Sponsored in part by Minden/Haliburton Hearing Service

## Gord Kidd & Friends featuring Don Stiver on Steel guitar

Join us

**Haliburton Legion**

**Saturday March 19 at 5 pm**

Lion's Hoedown fund raiser • your favorite tunes  
Chuck Wagon • Meat Pie dinner at 6pm • 50/50  
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Theme photo booth so bring your cameras

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MAY 7th**



## HALIBURTON LEGION BRANCH 129

**Doors open 5pm Dinner 6pm  
Tickets \$25**

Roast beef and buns, baked beans and  
salad, desserts, spot dances, country  
auction, prize for best costume, dance the  
night away or just enjoy the music!

**Tickets are available at Canoe FM  
or by calling 705-457-1009**

Visa and Mastercard accepted



## MARCH 2016 EVENTS

<b>THURSDAY MARCH 17</b>	<b>SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE</b> - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca <b>TRIBUTE TO THE IRISH EVENING</b> - 5:30pm Beef Stew Dinner and 7:00pm The Highlands Trio Show at Minden United Church. Call 705-286-1305
<b>FRIDAY MARCH 18</b>	<b>PICKLE BALL</b> – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:00am – 12:00pm
<b>SATURDAY MARCH 19</b>	<b>HALIBURTON LAND TRUST</b> – Reptiles Road Show – Fish Hatchery 6712 Gelert Rd. – 1:00pm – 4:00pm - \$15 adult - \$10 child - \$20 Family Pass <b>SKATING CARNIVAL</b> – Keith Tallman Arena – 6:30pm – 8:30pm <b>LIBRARY</b> – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm <b>HALIBURTON &amp; DISTRICT LIONS CLUB</b> – Chuck Wagon Dinner and Hoedown – Haliburton Legion – 5:00pm – 9:00pm - \$25/person – Call Lion Linda 705-457-2064
<b>SUNDAY MARCH 20</b>	<b>FREE PUBLIC SKATING</b> – Keith Tallman Arena – 12:30pm – 2:00pm
<b>MONDAY MARCH 21</b>	<b>TAOIST TAI CHI</b> – Galway Community Centre Kinmount – 10:00am – 12:00pm - Call 705-457-5829 <b>PICKLE BALL</b> – Lloyd Watson Centre – 3:30pm – 6:00pm
<b>TUESDAY MARCH 22</b>	<b>TAOIST TAI CHI</b> – Zion United Church Carnarvon – 10:00am – 12:00pm Call 705-457-5829 <b>SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE</b> - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca <b>LIBRARY</b> – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm <b>KAWARTHA WHITE CANE CLUB SOCIAL GROUP</b> for people with any type of vision loss Includes family or friends -6:00 pm - Caressant Care 114 McLaughlin Road Lindsay - Shelly 705-328-1465 or Faye 705-799-5120 <b>HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS FIELD NATURALISTS</b> – speakers: Mike Johnson and Mike Miller of HHOA – 1:00pm.
<b>WEDNESDAY MARCH 23</b>	<b>TAOIST TAI CHI</b> – Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Call 705-457-5829 <b>BINGO</b> – Lloyd Watson Centre – 7:30pm – 9:30pm <b>PICKLE BALL</b> – Dorset Rec Centre – 2:00pm – 6:00pm
<b>THURSDAY MARCH 24</b>	<b>SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE</b> - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

### HALIBURTON BRANCH

General Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.  
Meat Draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/ draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester Howse, MC  
Easter Bonus Meat Draw, Friday, March 18th and special Good Friday Meat Draw to be held March 24  
Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m.  
Friday Fun Darts, 4:30 p.m.  
50/50 Draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.  
Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$6/person. Occasional volunteers needed.  
Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.  
Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, Wednesday, doors open 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon in the Main Hall, Thursday, March 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Irish stew, coleslaw and dessert prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary, \$8 adults. Kids 12 and under are \$4.  
Legion Facelift Fundraiser in the Main Hall, Saturday April 9th 4:30 p.m. Open house/ silent and live auction/roast beef dinner, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary, live music and dancing featuring The Highlands Trio. Only \$25 per person. For tickets, email legionfacelift@hotmail.com or call 705-457-2571.

### MINDEN BRANCH

Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.  
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.  
Mixed Darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.  
Big Euchre, first Sunday of the month

(except holidays), noon, \$12  
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-5p.m.  
Lunch Menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.  
Liver Lovers' Special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)  
Meat Draws, Wednesday lunch time.  
Thursday Take-out meals, pick-up after 6 p.m. Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and to place your order.

### WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Youth League, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday  
Spaghetti dinner, 5-7 p.m., Friday  
Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday  
Jam Session, 7:30 p.m., Friday  
Meat Draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Early Bird 3 p.m. sharp  
Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.  
Fun Darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

## PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWERS

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# What's on



File photo

The Easter Bunny made an appearance at last year's festival.

## All-you-can-eat pancakes for six bucks

By Jennifer Hughey  
Editor

Who doesn't love all-you-can-eat events?

And when it's pancakes and locally produced maple syrup, it's even better.

The Highlands East Maple Syrup Festival is in its 38th year. This year, volunteers will be serving up pancakes and sausages on March 26 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

Festival organizer, Kathy Rogers, and volunteers from Highlands East Rec Board are raising funds for a good cause:

"[The Festival is supported by] a small

group of volunteers, who see the benefit to the community," Rogers said. "... It is a kick-off for groups to start fundraising, and we make some money on it as well."

The Rec Board will use the money raised from the event to purchase and install rubber flooring for the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena.

"The flooring in the foyer area is [comprised of] 38-year-old tiles, which look bad and cannot be walked on with skates," Rogers said, adding they want to make it easier for families and adults who use the arena to walk everywhere on skates, even to the snack bar and the phone in case of an emergency.

The current arena mats had received a lot of complaints, Rogers said.

"We are primarily a group that wants to see some fun things happening in our community," she said.

"If we fundraise while we are at it – that is a bonus."

The Rec Board has organized and completed many projects over the years. The most recent was the upgrade of the score clock at the arena.

Rogers said the Rec Board's second goal is to encourage the use of the arena for exercise classes once the floors are safer and less slippery.

"Rubber [is] more forgiving than the terrazzo floors in the community center," Rogers said, and therefore more conducive to exercise classes.

In addition to the all-you-can-eat event, the festival includes a flea market and craft tables. There will be a colouring contest and crafts for the kids. As well, the group also has organized free public skating at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena from noon to 2 p.m.

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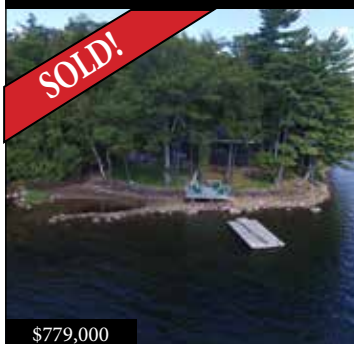
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